SIDE AIRBAG FOR A VEHICLE Abstract

A side airbag (14) for a supplemental restraint system (12) of a vehicle (10) includes an inflatable bag comprised of a shoulder–receiving portion (24) and a thorax–receiving portion (26) that extends from the shoulder–receiving portion (24). This airbag (14) is moveable between a deflated configuration and an inflated configuration. In the inflated configuration, the thorax–receiving portion (26) is sized thinner than the shoulder–receiving portion (24) in a lateral direction.